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**MEETING NOTICE**  
**BALLOT SIMPLIFICATION COMMITTEE**  
**FOR THE**  
**NOVEMBER 5, 2002 CONSOLIDATED GENERAL ELECTION**  
**AGENDA**

**Location:** CITY HALL, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl. **Time:** All meetings begin at 8:00 A.M.

**Monday, July 29, 2002**

**Room 416**

**8:00 A.M.**

1. Call to Order
2. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Initiative Ordinance: Public Assistance Benefits**  
 Public comment
3. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Initiative Ordinance: Conversion of Rental Apartments**  
 Public comment  
 Continuance or Adjournment

**Tuesday, July 30, 2002**

**Room 416**

**8:00 A.M.**

4. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Charter Amendment: Supervisor's Salaries**  
 Public Comment
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**Thursday August 1, 2002 – Monday, August 12, 2002**

**Room TBD Time TBD**

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Public Comment
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Charter Amendment: Targeted Early Retirement\*  
Public Comment  
Continuance or Adjournment\*\*

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Charter Amendment: Police/OCC\*  
Public Comment
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Charter Amendment: Miscellaneous Safety Employees\*  
Public Comment  
Continuance or Adjournment\*\*

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Public Comment
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Public Comment
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**Friday, August 1, 2003**

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Room ~~216~~

**8:00 A.M.**

11. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Charter Amendment: Controller as Auditor\***  
Public Comment
12. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Charter Amendment: Ethics Provisions\***  
Public Comment
13. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Ordinance: Taxi Permit Holders\***  
Public Comment Continuance or Adjournment\*\*

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**Charter Amendment: Entertainment Commission\***  
Public Comment
9. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Bond Measure: Veteran's Building Bond\***  
Public Comment  
Continuance or Adjournment\*\*

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**Bond Measure: PUC Revenue Bond\***  
Public Comment  
Continuance or Adjournment\*\*

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**Charter Amendment: Energy Measure\***  
Public Comment
12. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Charter Amendment: PUC Changes\***  
Public Comment  
Continuance or Adjournment\*\*

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**Declaration of Policy: Medical Cannabis\***  
Public Comment  
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## MEETING NOTICE BALLOT SIMPLIFICATION COMMITTEE

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NOVEMBER 5, 2002 CONSOLIDATED GENERAL ELECTION

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### AGENDA NUMBER FOUR

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Location: CITY HALL, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.

Time: All meetings begin at 8:00 A.M.

**PLEASE NOTE: ITEMS CALENDARED FOR JULY  
29, 30 AND 31 HAVE BEEN CONTINUED FOR THE  
MEETING SCHEDULED AUGUST 1**

Friday, August 1, 2002

Room 400

8:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order
2. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
Initiative Ordinance: Public Assistance Benefits\*(CONTINUED FROM 7/31)  
Public Comment
3. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
Initiative Ordinance: Conversion of Rental Apartments\*(CONTINUED FROM  
7/31)  
Public Comment
4. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
Charter Amendment: Supervisor's Salaries\*(CONTINUED FROM 7/31)  
Public Comment
5. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
Charter Amendment: City Workers/Elections Department\*(CONTINUED  
FROM 7/31)  
Public Comment  
Continuance or Adjournment
6. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
Charter Amendment: Parental Leave\*(CONTINUED FROM 7/31)  
Public Comment
7. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
Charter Amendment: Retirement Benefits for Police and Firefighters\*  
Public Comment (CONTINUED FROM 7/31)  
Continuance or Adjournment\*\*

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**Monday, August 5, 2002**

**Room 416**

**8:00 A.M.**

8. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Charter Amendment:**                      **Entertainment Commission\***  
Public Comment
9. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Bond Measure:**                              **Veteran's Building Bond\***  
Public Comment
10. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Bond Measure:**                              **PUC Revenue Bond\***  
Public Comment  
Continuance or Adjournment\*\*

**Tuesday, August 6, 2002**

**Room 416**

**8:00 A.M.**

11. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Charter Amendment:**                      **Energy Measure\***  
Public Comment
12. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
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### FOR THE

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## AGENDA NUMBER FIVE

Location: CITY HALL, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.

Time: All meetings begin at 8:00 A.M.

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Monday, August 5, 2002

Room 416 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

7. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
Charter Amendment: Retirement Benefits for Police and Firefighters\*  
Public Comment (CONTINUED FROM 8/02)
5. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
Charter Amendment: City Workers/Elections Department\*(CONTINUED  
Public Comment FROM 8/02)
- Continuance or Adjournment\*\*

Tuesday, August 6, 2002

Room 416

8:00 A.M.

6. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
Charter Amendment: Parental Leave\*(CONTINUED FROM 8/02)  
Public Comment
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Bond Measure: Veteran's Building Bond\*  
Public Comment

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10. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Bond Measure: PUC Revenue Bond\***  
Public Comment  
Continuance or Adjournment\*\*

**Wednesday, August 7, 2002**

**Room 263**

**8:00 A.M.**

11. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Charter Amendment: Energy Measure\***  
Public Comment
12. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Charter Amendment: PUC Changes\***  
Public Comment
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**Declaration of Policy: Medical Cannabis\***  
Public Comment
14. Hearing to approve definitions of terms for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Words You Need To Know**  
Public Comment  
Continuance or Adjournment\*\*

**Thursday, August 8, 2002**

**Room 408**

**8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.**

15. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Bond Measure: Affordable Housing Bond\***  
Public Comment
16. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Measures Submitted Pursuant to Charter Sections 2.113 and 3.100(15)**  
Public Comment
17. Hearing to consider  
**Requests for Reconsideration, If Any**  
Public Comment  
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### AGENDA NUMBER FIVE (REVISED)

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Time: All meetings begin at 8:00 A.M.

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7. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Charter Amendment: Retirement Benefits for Police and Firefighters\***  
 Public Comment (CONTINUED FROM 8/02)
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 Public Comment  
 Public Comment on matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of the Ballot Simplification Committee  
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**Thursday, August 8, 2002**

**Room 408**

**8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.**

14. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
Bond Measure: Affordable Housing Bond\*  
Public Comment
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Words You Need To Know  
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**Friday, August 9, 2002**

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16. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
Ordinances and declarations of policy, if any, submitted by the Mayor, Board of  
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Public Comment
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Saturday, August 10, 2002

Room 34

12noon to 4:00 P.M.

18. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed Ordinances and declarations of policy, if any, submitted by the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, or four members of the Board of Supervisors, by the August 7, 2002, 5:00 P.M. deadline. Information about these measures will be available starting August 8, 2002 at the Department of Elections. Please call (415) 554-4382 for more information.  
Public Comment
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NOVEMBER 5, 2002 CONSOLIDATED GENERAL ELECTION

### AGENDA NUMBER SIX

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FOR AUGUST 7 HAVE BEEN CONTINUED FOR  
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Thursday, August 8, 2002

Room 408

8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

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## AGENDA NUMBER SEVEN

Location: CITY HALL, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl. Time: All meetings begin at 8:00 A.M.

**PLEASE NOTE: ITEM 14 CALENDARED FOR  
AUGUST 8 HAS BEEN CONTINUED FOR THE  
MEETING SCHEDULED AUGUST 9; ITEM 15  
CALENDARED FOR AUGUST 8 HAS BEEN  
CONTINUED FOR THE MEETING SCHEDULED  
AUGUST 12; REQUESTS FOR  
RECONSIDERATION, ORIGINALLY  
CALENDARED FOR AUGUST 9 AND 10, WILL BE  
HEARD AT THE AUGUST 12 MEETING; THERE IS  
NO MEETING SATURDAY, AUGUST 10**

Friday, August 9, 2002

Room 400

8:00 A.M.

14. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
Bond Measure: Affordable Housing Bond\*(CONTINUED FROM 8/8)  
Public Comment
15. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
Ordinance: Prohibition on Public Funds for Political Activity\*  
Public Comment
16. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
Ordinance: Increase in Real Property Transfer Tax\*  
Public Comment
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Ordinance: Public Utilities Revenue Bond Oversight Committee\*  
Public Comment

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18. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Ordinance:** **Economic Development Plan\***  
Public Comment  
Public Comment on matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of the  
Ballot Simplification Committee  
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**Monday, August 12, 2002**

**Room 416**

**8:00 A.M.**

19. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Ordinance:** **Official Newspapers\***  
Public Comment
20. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Ordinance:** **County Adult Assistance\***  
Public Comment
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Public Comment
23. Hearing to approve definitions of terms for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Words You Need To Know**  
Public Comment  
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## MEETING NOTICE BALLOT SIMPLIFICATION COMMITTEE FOR THE NOVEMBER 5, 2002 CONSOLIDATED GENERAL ELECTION AGENDA NUMBER EIGHT

Location: CITY HALL, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl. Time: All meetings begin at 8:00 A.M.

**PLEASE NOTE: ITEM 18 CALENDARED FOR AUGUST 9 HAS BEEN CONTINUED FOR THE MEETING SCHEDULED AUGUST 12; ITEM 15 CALENDARED FOR AUGUST 8 HAS BEEN CONTINUED FOR THE MEETING SCHEDULED AUGUST 12; REQUESTS FOR RECONSIDERATION, ORIGINALLY CALENDARED FOR AUGUST 9 AND 10, WILL BE HEARD AT THE AUGUST 12 MEETING; THERE IS NO MEETING SATURDAY, AUGUST 10**

Monday, August 12, 2002

Room 416

8:00 A.M.

18. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed Ordinance: Economic Development Plan\* (CONTINUED FROM 8/9)  
Public Comment
19. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed Ordinance: Official Newspapers\*  
Public Comment
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**Location:** CITY HALL, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl. **Time:** All meetings begin at 8:00 A.M.

**Monday, July 28, 2003**

**Room 416**

**8:00 A.M.**

1. Call to Order
2. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Charter Amendment:** Small Business Commission\*  
Public comment  
Continuance or Adjournment\*\*

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**Tuesday, July 29, 2003**

**Room 416**

**8:00 A.M.**

4. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Charter Amendment:** Rainy Day Reserve\*  
Public Comment
5. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Charter Amendment:** Targeted Early Retirement\*  
Public Comment  
Continuance or Adjournment\*\*

**Wednesday, July 30, 2003**

**Room 416**

**8:00 A.M.**

6. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Charter Amendment:** Police/OCC\*  
Public Comment
7. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Charter Amendment:** Miscellaneous Safety Employees\*  
Public Comment  
Continuance or Adjournment\*\*

**Thursday, July 31, 2003 - Monday, August 11, 2003**

**Room TBD Time TBD**

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# BALLOT SIMPLIFICATION COMMITTEE

### FOR THE

### NOVEMBER 4, 2003 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

### AGENDA NUMBER THREE

Location: CITY HALL, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.

Time: All meetings begin at 8:00 A.M.

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Friday, August 1, 2003

Room 408

8:00 A.M.

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1. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Charter Amendment:** **Controller as Auditor\***  
Public Comment
2. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Charter Amendment:** **Ethics Provisions\***  
Public Comment
3. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Ordinance:** **Taxi Permit Holders\***  
Public Comment  
Public Comment on matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of the  
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Monday, August 4, 2003

- NO MEETING

Tuesday, August 5, 2003

- NO MEETING

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**Wednesday, August 6, 2003**

**Room 421**

**8:00 A.M.**

4. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**SFUSD Bond: School Bond\***  
Public Comment
5. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Transit Authority Measure: Transit Authority\***  
Public Comment
6. Hearing to consider  
**Requests for Reconsideration, If Any**  
Public Comment  
Public Comment on matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of the  
Ballot Simplification Committee
7. Hearing to approve definitions of terms for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed **Words You  
Need To Know**  
Public Comment  
Continuance or Adjournment\*

**Thursday, August 7, 2003**

**Room 416**

**8:00 A.M.**

**Friday, August 8, 2003**

**Room 408**

**8:00 A.M.**

**Monday, August 11, 2003**

**Room 416**

**Time TBD**

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FOR THE

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## AGENDA

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Location: CITY HALL, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.

Time: All meetings begin at 8:00 A.M.

Thursday, August 7, 2003

Room 416

8:00 A.M.

1. Hearing to consider  
Requests for Reconsideration, If Any, of Approved Digests  
Public Comment
2. Hearing to approve definitions of terms for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
Words You Need To Know  
Public Comment
3. Hearing to approve digests for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
Ordinances and declarations of policy, if any, submitted by the Mayor, Board of  
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Public Comment  
Public Comment on matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of the  
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Friday, August 8, 2003

MEETING CANCELED

Monday, August 11, 2003

Room 416

8:00 A.M.

4. Hearing to consider  
Requests for Reconsideration, If Any, of the following Approved Digests:  

Charter Amendment	Targeted Early Retirement*
Public Comment	
SFUSD Bond	School Bond*
Public Comment	

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**Ordinance**  
Public Comment

**Transit Authority\***

**Ordinance**  
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**Smart Start For San Francisco Kids\***

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### **FOR THE**

### **MARCH 2, 2004 CONSOLIDATED PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION**

## **AGENDA**

Location: CITY HALL, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl. Time: All meetings begin at 8:00 A.M.

**Monday, December 1, 2003**

**Room 408**

**8:00 A.M.**

1. Call to Order
2. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
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Public comment
3. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
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Public Comment  
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**Tuesday, December 2, 2003**

**Room 408**

**8:00 A.M.**

5. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
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Public Comment
6. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
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**Thursday, December 4, 2003**

**MEETING CANCELLED**

**Friday, December 5, 2003**

**Room 400**

**8:00 A.M.**

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**For the**

**November 2, 2004 Consolidated General Election**

**Agenda**

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**Location:** Meetings will be held in City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place in San Francisco, OR at the Department of Public Health, 101 Grove Street in San Francisco. Please refer to individual meeting dates for exact locations.

**Time:** All meetings begin at 9:00 a.m.

**Monday, July 26, 2004      Department of Public Health, Room 300    9:00 a.m.**

1. Call to order
2. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Charter Amendment: Police/Fire Survivor Benefits\***  
Public Comment
3. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Charter Amendment: Noncitizen Voting in School Board Elections\***  
Public Comment  
Public Comment on matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of the Ballot Simplification Committee  
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**Tuesday, July 27, 2004      City Hall, Room 408      9:00 a.m.**

1. Call to order
2. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed

**Charter Amendment: Health Plans for City Residents\***

Public Comment

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**Charter Amendment: Omnibus Charter Reform\***  
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**Wednesday, July 28, 2004    Department of Public Health, Room 300    9:00 a.m.**

1. Call to order
2. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Ordinance: Public Meetings and Public Records\***  
Public Comment
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**Declaration of Policy: Military Action in Iraq\***  
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**Bond Measure: Affordable Housing General Obligation Bond\***  
Public Comment
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**Bond Measure: Historic Preservation General Obligation Bond\***  
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**Friday, July 30, 2004    Department of Public Health, Room 300    9:00 a.m.**

1. Call to order
2. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Tax Measure: Sales Tax\***

- Public Comment
3. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Tax Measure: Business Tax\***  
Public Comment
  4. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Initiative Ordinance: Hotel Tax & Preservation of Single-Screen Movie Theaters\***  
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<sup>Meeting</sup>  
**Notice of Continuance**  
**Ballot Simplification Committee**

**For the**

**November 2, 2004 Consolidated General Election**

On Tuesday, July 27, 2004, the Ballot Simplification Committee was scheduled to consider: **Charter Amendment: Omnibus Charter Reform\***

This item was continued until Wednesday, July 28, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.  
**Department of Public Health, room 300**  
**101 Grove Street, San Francisco**

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**Time:** All meetings begin at 9:00 a.m.

**Thursday, August 5, 2004                      City Hall, Room 421                      9:00 a.m.**

1. Call to order
2. Hearing to approve digest for Voter Information Pamphlet of proposed  
**Declaration of Policy: Use of New Sales Tax Funds\***  
 Public Comment
3. Hearing to consider  
**Requests for Reconsideration Received Before Friday, July 30 at 5:00 p.m.,  
 If Any, of Approved Digests**  
 Public Comment
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1. Call to order
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Public Comment
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Public Comment
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**Ballot Simplification Committee  
for the November 8, 2005 Consolidated Special Statewide Election**

**Agenda**

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**Monday, August 1, 2005**

**City Hall, Room 416\***

**9:00 a.m.**

- 1. Charter Amendment: Ethics Commission\*\***
- 2. Initiative Ordinance: Neighborhood Firehouses\*\***
- 3. Initiative Declaration of Policy: Military Recruiting in Public Schools\*\***

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Continuance or Adjournment\*\*\*





Tuesday, August 2, 2005

City Hall, Room 408\*

9:00 a.m.

**1. Initiative Ordinance: Prohibition of Firearms\*\***

**2. Bond Measure: Streets and Sidewalks\*\***

Public Comment on matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of the Ballot Simplification Committee

Continuance or Adjournment\*\*\*

Wednesday, August 3, 2005

City Hall, Room 82\*

9:00 a.m.

**1. Charter Amendment: Dividing MTA Appointments\*\***

**2. Charter Amendment: Moving Election Date of Public Defender and Assessor-Recorder\*\***

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**City Hall, Room 82 \***

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**CANCELLATION NOTICE - BALLOT SIMPLIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS  
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**SAN FRANCISCO, February 23, 2006** – The Ballot Simplification Committee meetings tentatively scheduled for the week of February 27-March 3, 2006 have been cancelled.

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**City Hall, Room 416\***

**9:00 a.m.**

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Agenda for Week of July 31-August 4, 2006

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- 1. Charter Amendment: Teleconferencing Due to Pregnancy and Related Conditions and Adoption of Parental Leave Policies for Members of Boards and Commissions\*\***
- 2. Charter Amendment: Setting Salaries of Local Elected Officials\*\***

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Continuance or Adjournment\*\*\*

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Ballot Simplification Committee  
for the November 7, 2006 Consolidated General Election

REVISED Agenda for Week of July 31-August 4, 2006

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**Monday, July 31, 2006**

**City Hall, Room 34\***

**9:00 a.m.**

1. **Charter Amendment: Teleconferencing Due to Pregnancy and Related Conditions and Adoption of Parental Leave Policies for Members of Boards and Commissions\*\***
2. **Charter Amendment: Setting Salaries of Local Elected Officials\*\***

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Continuance or Adjournment\*\*\*

**Tuesday, August 1, 2006**

**City Hall, Room 416\***

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Continuance or Adjournment\*\*\*

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**Ballot Simplification Committee  
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**Agenda for Week of July 30-August 3, 2007**

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CIFAR-10	Training	Handwritten digits	50,000	1,000	3,137	10	10	10	10
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ImageNet	Training	Handwritten digits	1,200,000	1,000	224	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
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Continuance or Adjournment\*\*\*

**Wednesday, August 8, 2007**

**City Hall, Room 278 \***

**9:00 a.m.**

1. **Ordinance: Golden Gate Park Stables (continued from August 7, 2007) \*\***
2. **Discussion and possible action concerning Requests for Reconsideration of approved digests received before Tuesday, August 7 at 5:00 p.m.**
3. **Declaration of Policy: Universal Wi-Fi \*\***
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**About the Ballot Simplification Committee**

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- "The Proposal"
- "A 'Yes' Vote Means"
- "A 'No' Vote Means"

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**City Hall, Room 278\***

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**Monday, October 29, 2007 Department of Public Health, Room 300\* 9:00 a.m.**

- 1. Declaration of Policy: Alcatraz Island Acquisition and Conversion into a Global Peace Center\*\***
- 2. Charter Amendment: Deferred Retirement Option Program for Police Department Members\*\***

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Continuance or Adjournment\*\*\*

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- 1. Charter Amendment: Encouraging Diversity on Boards, Commissions or Advisory Bodies\*\***
- 2. Charter Amendment: Public Utilities Commission Appointments and Qualifications\*\***
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Continuance or Adjournment\*\*\*

**Tuesday, October February 26, 2008**

**City Hall, Room 263\***

**9:00 a.m.**

- 1. Charter Amendment: Forfeiture of Retirement Benefits for Conviction of a Crime involving Moral Turpitude\*\***
- 2. Ordinance: Solar Energy Incentive Program\*\***
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**Wednesday, February 27, 2008**

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**Thursday, February 28, 2008**

**City Hall, Room 408\***

**9:00 a.m.**

- 1. Ordinance: Mixed-Use Development Project for Candlestick Point and Hunters Point Shipyard\*\***
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**Monday, February 25, 2008      City Hall, Room 416\*      9:00 a.m.**

- 1. Charter Amendment: Encouraging Diversity on Boards, Commissions or Advisory Bodies\*\***
- 2. Charter Amendment: Public Utilities Commission Appointments and Qualifications\*\***
- 3. Discussion and possible approval of "Words You Need to Know"**

**4. Discussion and possible approval of other informational materials for the Voter Information Pamphlet**

Public Comment on matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of the Ballot Simplification Committee

Continuance or Adjournment\*\*\*

**Tuesday, February 26, 2008**

**City Hall, Room 263\***

**9:00 a.m.**

- 1. Charter Amendment: Forfeiture of Retirement Benefits for Conviction of a Crime involving Moral Turpitude\*\***
- 2. Ordinance: Prohibiting Contributions from City Contractors\*\***
- 3. Ordinance: Prohibiting Contributions from any Party with a Conditional Use or California Environmental Quality Act Appeal Pending\*\***
- 4. Discussion and possible approval of "Words You Need to Know"**
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- 6. Discussion and possible action concerning any Requests for Reconsideration of digests approved on Monday, February 25, 2008**

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Continuance or Adjournment\*\*\*

**Wednesday, February 27, 2008**

**City Hall, Room 416\***

**9:00 a.m.**

- 1. Ordinance: Solar Energy Incentive Program\*\***
- 2. Ordinance: Mixed-Use Development Project for Candlestick Point and Hunters Point Shipyard\*\***
- 3. Ordinance: Amending the Residential Inclusionary Affordable Housing Program to Allow for Density Bonuses\*\***
- 4. Preparation of digests of new measures, if any, qualified by Monday, February 25, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. For more information, please call the Department of Elections at 415-554-6105.**

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Continuance or Adjournment\*\*\*

**Thursday, February 28, 2008**

**City Hall, Room 408\***

**9:00 a.m.**

1. Possible continuance of items from previous meeting.
2. Preparation of digests of new measures, if any, qualified by Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. For more information, please call the Department of Elections at 415-554-6105.
3. Discussion and possible approval of “Words You Need to Know”
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**Meeting Notice**

**Ballot Simplification Committee  
for the June 3, 2008 Consolidated Statewide Direct Primary Election**

**Agenda for the Week of March 3-7, 2008**

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**Monday, March 3, 2008**

**City Hall, Room 416\***

**9:00 a.m.**

**1. Discussion and possible action concerning any Requests for Reconsideration of digests approved on Tuesday, February 26, 2008, or Wednesday, February 27, 2008**

**2. School Parcel Tax\*\***

3. **Ordinance: Solar Energy Incentive Program\*\***
4. **Discussion and possible approval of “Words You Need to Know”**
5. **Discussion and possible approval of other informational materials for the Voter Information Pamphlet**

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Continuance or Adjournment\*\*\*

**Tuesday, March 4, 2008**

**City Hall, Room 263\***

**9:00 a.m.**

1. **Charter Amendment: Retirement Benefits\*\***
2. **Ordinance: Affordable Housing for Mixed-Use Development Project\*\* (pending qualification)**
3. **Discussion and possible approval of “Words You Need to Know”**
4. **Discussion and possible approval of other informational materials for the Voter Information Pamphlet**
5. **Discussion and possible action concerning any Requests for Reconsideration of digests approved on Monday, March 3, 2008**

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Continuance or Adjournment\*\*\*

**Wednesday, March 5, 2008**

**no meeting scheduled**

**Thursday, March 6, 2008**

**City Hall, Room 408\***

**9:00 a.m.**

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### Ballot Simplification Committee for the November 3, 2009 Municipal Election

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### Agenda for the Week of July 27-31, 2009

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1. Ordinance: Mid-Market Special Sign District\*\* (Discussion and possible action to adopt a digest)
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Public Comment on matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of the Ballot Simplification Committee

Continuance or Adjournment\*\*\*

**Tuesday, July 28, 2009      City Hall, Room 408\*      9:00 a.m.**

1. Charter Amendment: Budget Process\*\* (Discussion and possible action to adopt a digest)
2. Charter Amendment: Board of Supervisors Aides\*\* (Discussion and possible action to adopt a digest)
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**Wednesday, July 29, 2009      no meeting scheduled**

**Thursday, July 30, 2009      no meeting scheduled**

**Friday, July 31, 2009      City Hall, Room 408\*      9:00 a.m.**

1. Ordinance: Candlestick Park Naming Rights\*\* – pending submission (Discussion and possible action to adopt a digest)
2. Ordinance: Vehicle License Fee\*\* – pending submission (Discussion and possible action to adopt a digest)

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## Ballot Simplification Committee for the November 3, 2009 Municipal Election

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Each digest must include the following four sections:

- "The Way It Is Now"
- "The Proposal"
- "A 'Yes' Vote Means"
- "A 'No' Vote Means"

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The Ballot Simplification Committee also assists the Director of Elections in preparing other informational material for the Voter Information Pamphlet, such as a glossary of the terms that appear in the pamphlet.

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### How the Ballot Simplification Committee Works

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When the Committee has agreed upon a draft digest, it opens the meeting to comments and suggestions from the public. Each speaker is generally permitted three minutes. The Committee respectfully requests that comments be confined to specific points concerning the language of the draft, and not be argumentative or repeat the suggestions of others.

After all members of the public who wish to comment on the digest have been heard, the Committee considers each of the comments and suggestions and decides whether to amend the draft digest. The Committee then votes to adopt the digest. At least three votes are required to adopt a digest.

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### **Committee Members**

The Ballot Simplification Committee consists of five voting members; the Board of Supervisors appoints three members, and the Mayor appoints two. Two of the three members appointed by the Board of Supervisors must be nominated by either the Northern California Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences or the Northern California Broadcasters Association. The League of Women Voters of San Francisco must nominate the third member. Of the two members appointed by the Mayor, the Northern California Media Workers Guild (formerly Northern California Newspaper Guild) must nominate one member, and the other member must be an educational reading specialist recommended by the Superintendent of Schools of the San Francisco Unified School District. Each of the appointive members must be a resident and registered voter of the City and County. The City Attorney or his or her representative serves as a non-voting *ex officio* member. The Committee's work is administered by the Department of Elections.

The current members of the Committee are:

**Betty Packard, Chair**

*Nominated by the Northern California Broadcasters Association/California Press Women*  
Appointed by the Board of Supervisors

**Dana Chisnell**

*Nominated by the California Media Workers Guild*  
Appointed by the Mayor

**June Fraps**

*Nominated by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences*  
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**Adele Fasick**

*Nominated by the League of Women Voters*  
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**Meeting Notice**

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for the November 4, 2008 Consolidated General Election**

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**Tuesday, July 29, 2008      City Hall, Room 400\*      9:00 a.m.**

1. Declaration of Policy: Funding for the Deployment of the United States Armed Forces in Iraq\*\*
2. Charter Amendment: Creating Independent Rate Payer Advocate\*\*
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1. Ordinance: Enforcement of Laws Related to Prostitution and Sex Workers\*\*
2. Ordinance: SF Transportation Authority\*\*
3. Ordinance: Policy Regarding Budget Set-asides\*\*
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August 11, 2008 has been canceled.

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# **NOTICE OF CANCELLATION**

The Ballot Simplification Committee meetings originally scheduled for Friday, July 31, 2009 and Thursday, August 6, 2009 have been canceled.

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**Meeting Notice**

**Ballot Simplification Committee  
for the November 3, 2009 Municipal Election**

**Agenda for the Week of August 3-7, 2009**

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The Ballot Simplification Committee prepares an impartial summary of each local ballot measure. These digests are included in San Francisco's Voter Information Pamphlet, which is mailed to each registered voter prior to each election. The Committee must complete its digests no later than 85 days before the election. For the November 3, 2009 election, this deadline falls on Monday, August 10, 2009. In general, the digests are limited to 300 words.

The Committee's procedures can be summarized as follows. First, the Deputy City Attorney assigned to the Ballot Simplification Committee prepares a preliminary draft digest of each proposition. The Committee then edits and amends that draft. Once the Committee members preliminarily agree on a draft for discussion purposes, they invite public comment on the proposed digest. Each speaker is asked to observe a three-minute time limit. After all public comment is received, the Committee decides whether to revise the digest based on the comments. The Committee does not consider political arguments about the proposed measures. After all proposed revisions are considered, the Committee votes to adopt a final digest. At least three Committee members must vote in favor of a digest before it becomes final.

Any person may submit a written Request for Reconsideration of a digest to the Department of Elections. Requests for Reconsideration must be submitted within 24 hours of adoption of the digest. Guidelines for Requests for Reconsideration are available at each Committee meeting or from the Department of Elections.

Due to scheduling constraints, the Committee may consider one or more measures before the final deadline for submitting or withdrawing those measures. If a measure has not yet been ordered submitted or submitted to the Department of Elections at the time the agenda is published, it is designated on the agenda as "pending submission." If a measure is withdrawn before the Committee meets to consider that measure, the measure will be taken off the Committee's agenda.

If time constraints prevent the Committee from fully considering any of the items listed for a meeting, that meeting will be continued to a date and time announced at the end of the meeting.

For more information about the Ballot Simplification Committee meetings, please contact Barbara Carr at 415 554-4375 or Barbara.Carr@sfgov.org

**Location:** Meetings will be held in City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place. Please refer to individual meeting dates for exact locations.

**Time:** All meetings begin at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

Please note that the discussion order of items on each day's agenda is subject to change at the Committee's discretion.

**Monday, August 3, 2009      City Hall, Room 408\*      9:00 a.m.**

1. Ordinance: Mid-Market Special Sign District\*\* -- Request for Reconsideration (Discussion and possible action to amend approved digest)
2. Ordinance: Candlestick Park Naming Rights\*\* (Discussion and possible action to adopt a digest)
3. Discussion and possible approval of "Words You Need to Know"
4. Discussion and possible approval of other informational materials for the Voter Information Pamphlet

Public Comment on matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of the Ballot Simplification Committee

Continuance or Adjournment\*\*\*

**Tuesday, August 4, 2009      no meeting scheduled**

**Wednesday, August 5, 2009      no meeting scheduled**

**Thursday, August 6, 2009      no meeting scheduled**

**Friday, August 7, 2009      City Hall, Room 400\*      9:00 a.m.**

1. Discussion and possible action concerning any Requests for Reconsideration of digests received by Tuesday, August 4, 2009. Requests for Reconsideration will be placed in Department of Elections public file as they are received, and an amended agenda will be placed in the public file and posted on the Department of Elections website as soon as possible and no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday.
2. Discussion and possible approval of "Words You Need to Know"
3. Discussion and possible approval of other informational materials for the Voter Information Pamphlet

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\* Meeting rooms are subject to change. If a room change is necessary, a notice will be posted outside the original meeting room. Information will also be available at the Department of Elections, City Hall, Room 48, or via telephone at 415-554-4375.

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\*\*\* If an item is continued to a subsequent meeting, a notice of continuance will be posted on the bulletin boards outside the meeting room and the Department of Elections.

If any materials related to an item on this agenda have been distributed to the Ballot Simplification Committee after distribution of the agenda, those materials will be posted on the Department of Elections website and be available for public inspection at the Department of Elections in City Hall, Room 48, during normal office hours. The Department of Elections is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Francisco CA 94102-4689; by phone at 415-554-7724; by fax at 415-554-7854; or by email at [sotf@sfgov.org](mailto:sotf@sfgov.org).

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## **Notice of Special Meeting**

### **Ballot Simplification Committee for the November 3, 2009 Municipal Election**

**On Thursday, August 6, 2009, at 9:00 a.m.**

**The Ballot Simplification Committee will meet at the  
Department of Public Health, 101 Grove Street, Room 300.**

#### **About the Ballot Simplification Committee**

The Ballot Simplification Committee prepares a summary (or "digest") of each local ballot measure. The digest, which is intended to inform voters about a proposed measure in a fair and impartial manner, is printed in the City's Voter Information Pamphlet and mailed to every registered voter in advance of the election. The digest must explain the primary purposes and points of the measure, but is not required to include auxiliary or subsidiary information.

The Ballot Simplification Committee must conduct its work in public meetings, and must complete its work no fewer than 85 days before the election. For the November 3, 2009 election, this deadline falls on Monday, August 10, 2009.

#### **How the Committee Works**

The Deputy City Attorney assigned to the Ballot Simplification Committee prepares a preliminary digest of each proposition. The Committee then edits and amends that digest.

When the Committee has agreed upon a draft digest, it opens the meeting to comments and suggestions from the public. After all members of the public who wish to comment on the digest have been heard, the Committee considers each of the comments and suggestions and decides whether to amend the draft digest. The Committee then votes to adopt the digest. At least three votes are required to adopt a digest.

#### **Procedure for Reconsideration of Digests**

Following adoption of a digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee, any person may request that the Committee reconsider a digest by submitting a written Request for Reconsideration to the Department of Elections. The written request must indicate the specific language in the digest that the requestor wants to amend, what alternate language the requestor recommends, and the reasons for that recommendation.



Upon receipt of a Request for Reconsideration, the Committee deliberates and votes on whether to reconsider its digest. If the Committee decides to reconsider the digest language, it does so at that time. The Committee may or may not change the language of the digest. After this reconsideration, the Committee again opens the meeting to comments and suggestions from the public. The Committee then considers those comments and suggestions, decides whether or not to amend, and votes to adopt a final digest. The Committee's decisions concerning Requests for Reconsideration are final.

**For further information on the Ballot Simplification Committee, contact the Department of Elections, Publications Division:**

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